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SAM R&D LAUNCH AREA

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1. TALENT PHOTOGRAPHY OF SEP 57 AND DEC 59 REVEALED A LAUNCH COMPLEX FOR THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) SYSTEMS.
2. [] REVEALED A NEW PINWHEEL SITE IN THE SAM R&D AREA SIMILAR TO THE ONE PREVIOUSLY SEEN IN THE SA-3 AREA.
3. [] REVEALED 2 POSSIBLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS WERE OBSERVED IN ONE OF THE U-SHAPED REVETMENTS AND AN OBJECT HAD BEEN ERECTED IN THE CENTER OF ONE CIRCULAR PAD. THE SITE IN THE NE CORNER OF THE AREA CONTAINED 6 IRREGULARLY-SPACED LAUNCH POSITIONS.
4. THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT THE LAUNCH AREA IS ACTIVE. THE TWO LARGE HOLD REVETMENTS, AND LAUNCH SITES B AND F CONTAIN MOBILE EQUIPMENT. NEWLY IDENTIFIED, BUT FIRST OBSERVED ON [] [] ARE THREE RADAR MOUNDS AT SITE B. THEY ARE LOCATED ALONG THE RING ROAD TO THE EAST, TO THE WEST AND TO THE NORTH. THE WESTERN MOUND HAS A TOKEN-TYPE RADAR; THE EASTERN HAS A PROBABLE HEIGHT FINDER RADAR; THE NORTHERN IS UNOCCUPIED. THE CENTRAL GUIDANCE

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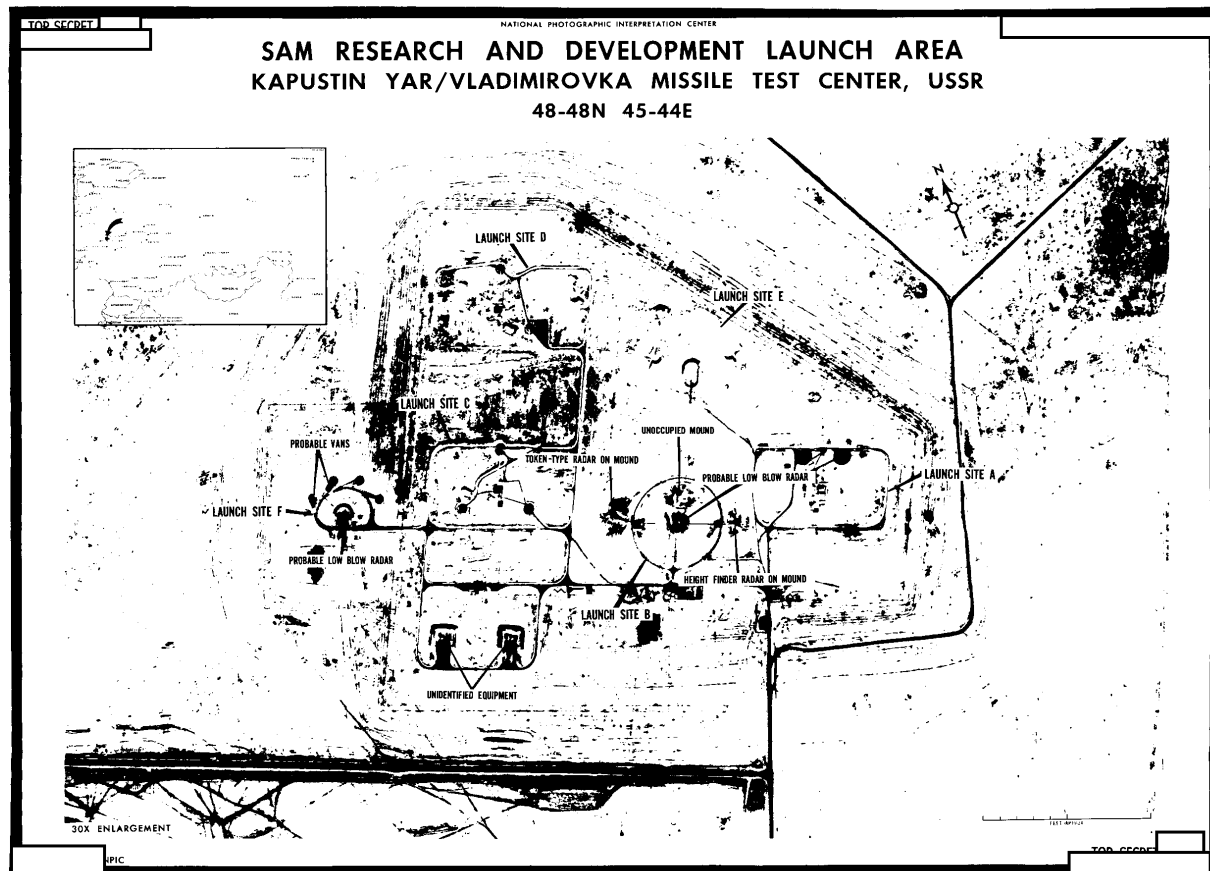
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AREA AT LAUNCH SITE B IS OCCUPIED AND CONTAINS A PROBABLE LOW BLOW GUIDANCE RADAR. THE REMAINDER OF SITE B IS PRIMARILY OCCUPIED BY ELECTRONIC VANS. LAUNCH SITE F, THE PINWHEEL SITE, IS OCCUPIED: THE CENTRAL GUIDANCE AREA HAS A PROBABLE LOW BLOW GUIDANCE RADAR AND TWO PROBABLE VANS ARE POSITIONED AT TWO OF ITS FOUR LAUNCH POSITIONS. A NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ARE OBSERVED ON THE REVETTED HARDSTANDS SOUTH OF LAUNCH SITE C.

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